

Reteaching Activity

Reading Comprehension Find the missing word or phrase that best completes each of the sentences below. Write your answers in the blank.

1. In addition to being the cradle of humanity, East Africa was also a place where early civilizations developed. An important one was _____, which emerged in present-day Ethiopia in the A.D. 100s.

2. By 1300, many trading cities dotted the eastern coast of Africa. The trading city of _____ emerged as one of the most important cities of the time.

3. In the 19th century, Europe's industrialized nations became interested in Africa's raw materials. To prevent European wars over Africa, 14 European nations convened the _____ in 1884-1885 to lay down rules for dividing Africa.

4. The European nations ended up dividing Africa without regard to where African _____ or _____ groups lived. They set boundaries that combined peoples who were traditional enemies and divided others who were not.

5. _____ escaped European colonization when the country's emperor, _____, skillfully protected his nation from Italy with weapons from France and Russia.

6. By the 1970s, most of East Africa had regained its _____.
7. However, internal disputes and civil war among the region's countries became a serious problem. For example, colonialism inflamed the ethnic tensions between the _____ and _____ of Rwanda and was a root cause underlying of their bloody conflict in the 1990s.

8. Since European colonization in the 19th century, countries have become more reliant on _____ such as coffee, tea, and sugar. These are grown for direct sale.

9. One of the main economic activities in East Africa is tourism. The region's vast wildlife parks in _____, _____, and _____ are world famous.

10. Two major ethnic groups in East Africa include the _____ and the _____.

11. The people of East Africa face many health care problems. But the most critical is the _____ (AIDS), which has spread throughout Africa in the 1980s and 1990s.